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DIAMOND GEM



All-Gateway Conference performer and All-American candidate Chris Ehlert returns for her junior season at Northern Iowa

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Softball
1988

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General Information

Location: Cedar Falls, IA 50614

Founded: 1876

Enrollment: 11,500

Nickname: Panthers

Colors: Purple and Old Gold

Conference: Gateway Collegiate

Affiliation: NCAA Division I

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UNI-Dome West Side

University of Northern Iowa

Cedar Falls, IA 50614

Softball Quick Facts

1987 Record: 29-23

Letterwinners Returning: 9

Letterwinners Lost: 4

Conference Finish: 7-11, 5th of 10

Home Record: 19-7

Away Record: 10-16

Iowa Round-Robin

Iowa 1-0, 3-4

Creighton 1-2 (8 inn.), 1-0

Mt. Mercy 1-3, 1-4

1987 Fall Results (9-9)

Redbird Invitational (1st)

Western Illinois 3-1

Illinois State 3-4 (10 inn.)

Illinois Central 2-1 (8 inn.)

Eastern Illinois 3-2

St. Francis 6-3

Gateway Preview Tournament

Western Illinois 2-6

Bradley 3-2

Eastern Illinois 3-5

Indiana State 5-2

Western Illinois 1-2

Waldorf (Exhibition) 2-1, 5-1

Iowa 0-2, 3-1

Head Coach Meredith Bakley



Meredith Bakley enters her 10th year at the helm of the Panther program, searching for her 250th win at UNI. Bakley directed the Panthers to the AIAW Division II National Championship in 1982. In her first year, she led UNI to a 22-10 overall record and a second place finish in the AIAW state tournament. Six seasons ago, the Panthers finished sixth in the regional championships.

Since 1983, the program has competed at the NCAA Division I level and has taken the field with such top-notch competition as Creighton, Arizona, Central Michigan, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The scheduling of such opponents proves Bakley's commitment to becoming one of the major powers in college softball.

A graduate of Black Hills State College in Spearfish, SD, she received her master's degree from Colorado State University in 1974 and has completed hours toward her doctorate from the University of Iowa and Northern Colorado.

Bakley was an instructor at Valley City State College in Valley City, ND, where she was head basketball and softball coach before coming to UNI. Her Valley City softball team placed second in the state in 1978, losing to North Dakota State in the finals. Her win-loss record at UNI since 1979 is 244-174.

Assistant/Pitching Coach Dr. Gene Bruhn



Dr. Gene Bruhn is beginning his sixth year as assistant softball coach and is, in fact, the first part-time assistant coach ever hired in the history of UNI softball. Dr. Bruhn handles a strong UNI pitching staff. Last year's pitching threesome ranked third in Gateway team pitching statistics. A chiropractor practicing in Clarksville, he studied two years at Ellsworth Junior College, one year at Wartburg and received his degree from

Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport. Dr. Bruhn has been a softball player for 25 years, competing in the service in Vietnam and at Fort Sill in Oklahoma. He also has competed in city leagues in the Quad City area.

1988 Outlook

Nine returning letterwinners and two prime recruits bolster Northern Iowa's softball season outlook for 1988. Four-fifths of the infield returns, as well as two-thirds of the outfield. Coach Meredith Bakley searched and found a centerfielder and a second baseman to complete the UNI lineup.

Heading the list of returnees is All-Gateway performer and All-American candidate **Chris Ehlert**. The third baseman from Nevada, IA, performed spectacularly all last year for the Panthers. She led the team in six statistical categories: batting average (.300), runs batted in (25), runs scored (23), hits (48), triples (6) and fielding percentage (.974).

Bakley said, "Chris is our captain and leader. She is the best hitter I've had in my 10 years at UNI. We are playing the toughest schedule in the history of UNI softball and Chris still hits the ball better than anyone I've coached. Defensively, Chris is really an outfielder. We asked her to play third base last year and she played like the all-conference performer she turned out to be. She is more comfortable at third after playing a season there. The whole team is very confident of Chris. She makes the hard plays look routine. I can't say enough good things about her."

Senior co-captain **Paula Evers** returns for her final season with the Panthers. Bakley called the shortstop the "best all-around natural athlete I've ever coached." Evers steadily has improved her defense since moving from first base to shortstop following her freshman year. She currently holds the UNI record for assists and putouts in a season and is closing in on the record for consecutive games played.

"Paula is the key person in our infield. If she performs this spring as well as she did this fall, we are in for a heckuva season. I think her biggest asset is her strong, quick arm. We wouldn't be able to run some of our plays if she wasn't in the infield. She's the type of player who always wants the ball hit to her. Offensively, she'll be our leadoff hitter. She has a great eye and loves to run. She will be very, very difficult to replace next year," Bakley said.

UNI's top returning pitcher is junior **Krista Fosbinder**. Fosbinder was 14-11 last spring, winning both of UNI's games in the Gateway Tournament. In the first, she threw a no-hitter, defeating defending champion Indiana State 1-0. She then came back to throw a two-hit shutout against Wichita State. Seven of her 14 victories were shutouts enroute to a 0.96 earned run average. She set school records for most innings pitched and most games pitched in a season.

Bakley believes Fosbinder is going to get even better. "Although Krista has performed well for us in the past, I believe this will be her best season yet. She has gotten used to the 43-foot pitching distance and is really excited about pitching this year. Her variety of pitches continues to grow."

"That variety probably is her biggest strength. Her competitiveness is unreal. She really studies the batters and knows where to pitch them. I believe Krista hasn't received the credit she deserves. She's kept us in a lot of games in which our offense has sputtered. We must start scoring some runs for her," Bakley said.

UNI's number two pitcher is sophomore southpaw **Sarah O'Byrne**. Bakley said O'Byrne performed this fall about as well

as any UNI pitcher has ever performed. She shutout Iowa and Creighton on successive days last fall at the Iowa Round-Robin.

Bakley said, "Although Sarah was injured toward the end of last season with a deep bruise in her left forearm, she is very capable of having a great season for us. That was very evident this fall at Iowa City. Her fall season was unreal. She threw about as hard as I have ever seen her throw. She is very determined to come back and throw just as well this spring. She's going to get better every game she throws."

The Panthers' third pitcher is third-team all-stater **Diane Schrage** from Plainfield, IA. Schrage is a slingshotter who comes to UNI with very impressive credentials. She struck out over 1,300 batters during a high school career which began her eighth grade summer. Bakley said Schrage's role at UNI will be a difficult one to fill.

"We are asking Diane to assume a relief pitcher role. We think she'll be able to come in and shut the door on many of our toughest opponents. The role will require a lot of control and patience from a freshman. We also anticipate Diane to help us on the base paths. She has great speed and we plan to utilize that," Bakley said.

At catcher, the Panthers have two experienced women sharing duties. Senior **Connie McBride** and sophomore **Holly Harrison** call the pitches for a pitching staff which ranked third in the Gateway last spring.

Bakley said McBride "really came into her own last spring. She called some excellent games for us. The pitchers have developed a confidence in her. She also really worked on eliminating her passed balls. Along with improving her defense, she has also improved her offense. Connie had her best year offensively last year. She is looking forward to having an even better season this year. She'll be hard to replace next year."

Harrison came on strong at the end of the fall season and Bakley couldn't have been more pleased. "The last game of the fall against Iowa was the best game of her career. She hit the ball and called a great game. Holly saw what she can do and she really liked it. Hopefully, it will carry over to this spring. When Holly starts reading the pitch better she's going to start enjoying the game more. When she plays well, she's a spectators' delight," Bakley said.

At first base returns sophomore **Susan Mahoney**. Mahoney shocked the conference, hitting 12 doubles enroute to a .274 batting average, best in the league for first basemen. "Susan was excellent as a freshman. She added a lot of strength to our infield. She is one of our power hitters. She has an unbelievable, fundamentally sound swing. I'm looking for the same output from her this year," Bakley said.

Two players are fighting for rights to start at second base. The leader seems to be **Dixie Froning**, a junior college transfer from Waldorf. Froning was an all-district performer at Waldorf while leading her team in hitting, runs batted in, doubles and triples. Bakley said, "Dixie was a very good junior college player at Waldorf. Her biggest asset is her power hitting. For us to be really competitive, she must hit for us. We are not worried about her defense. She is a fundamentally sound second baseman."

A second-year walk-on is UNI's back-up second baseman. **Lynell O'Connor**, a Central City product, saw limited action last year but did show improvement this fall. "I've seen a lot of improvement from her freshman year to this year. She is a very hard worker who also is very fundamentally sound." O'Connor hit .333 with two RBIs in the four games she played last spring.

Carrie Perry, a walk-on from Cedar Rapids Washington, and **Kim Brunner**, a walk-on from Nashua, complete the Panther infield. Perry was an all-district shortstop, while Brunner was an all-district catcher. Both players also may see action at the designated hitter spot.

The UNI outfield will be the youngest part of the team. Two sophomores and possibly two freshmen may see substantial playing time. **Mary DeCoster** and **Jenny Schultz** both started in over 50 games last year as freshmen and Bakley said the two have strengthened their arms and gained more speed. DeCoster will be moved from center field to left field this spring. The sophomore from Moline, IL, singled in Schultz to score the winning and only run of the game against Wichita State at the conference tournament last spring. Bakley is counting on even more run production from DeCoster this year.

"Mary is one of our power hitters. After our fall season, we decided to try and correct some of her hitting flaws in order to better utilize her power. When she hits the ball, look out! Defensively, I believe left field is better suited for her talents. She knows her assignments very well," Bakley said.

Schultz, says Bakley, is the Panther sparkplug. The speedy right fielder loves to challenge the base hit to right field. "Jenny performed very well hitting in the number two position this fall. She knows the strike zone very well and has great quickness getting out of the batter's box. She's a hard worker who is very important to the success of our team. She's matured so much from last year. Jenny adds excitement to right field."

UNI's number one recruit will man center field. First team all-state selection **Melissa Schafer** from Cedar Rapids Jefferson may have filled the missing link to make UNI's outfield the best in the Gateway Conference, Bakley says. Schafer, who hit .456 for Jefferson, was a finalist for Iowa High School Softball Player-of-the-Year. Bakley said she will add talent to the UNI outfield. "She'll add speed, quickness and a strong, accurate arm. She works very well with Jenny and Mary."

Although Schafer's fall offensive performance wasn't up to her high school standards, Bakley believes she will make the necessary adjustments to become one of UNI's leading hitters this spring. Bakley also said Schafer will become UNI's all-time base stealer before she graduates.

Another outfielder who could contribute is walk-on **Kari Stieger** from Cedar Rapids Jefferson. Bakley said, "Kari did a nice job for us defensively in the fall. She anticipates the ball very well. She needs to develop her offensive skills to break into the starting lineup."

Bakley thinks the chances of having a second straight winning season look good. "If the fall is any indication of what we can do in the spring, I'm very excited about our chances. We made three major trips last fall. We won the Redbird Tournament, placed fifth at Western and split with both Creighton and Iowa at Iowa City. If we can play well down in Oklahoma, we should be in really good shape for the conference schedule."

1988 Roster

Name	No.	Pos.	T/B	Class	Hometown (High School/College)
Brunner, Kim	13	C/DH	R/R	FR	Nashua, IA (Nashua)
DeCoster, Mary*	26	LF	R/R	SO	Moline, IL (Moline)
Ehlert, Chris***	46	3B	R/R	JR	Nevada, IA (Nevada)
Evers, Paula****#	6	SS	R/R	SR	Dyersville, IA (Beckman)
Fosbinder, Krista**	30	P	R/R	JR	Moline, IL (Alleman)
Froning, Dixie	9	2B	R/R	JR	Aplington, IA (Aplington/ Waldorf)
Harrison, Holly*	14	C	R/R	SO	Urbana, IA (Urbana)
McBride, Connie***	34	C	R/R	SR	Conrad, IA (BCL)
Mahoney, Susan*	22	1B	L/L	SO	Urbana, IA (Urbana)
O'Byrne, Sarah*	38	P	L/L	SO	Cresco, IA (Crestwood)
O'Connor, Lynell	1	2B	R/R	SO	Central City, IA (Central City)
Perry, Carrie	36	SS	R/R	FR	Cedar Rapids, IA (Washington)
Schafer, Melissa	2	CF	R/R	FR	Cedar Rapids, IA (Jefferson)
Schrage, Diane	3	P	R/R	FR	Plainfield, IA (Plainfield)
Schultz, Jenny*	42	RF	R/R	SO	Washington, IA (Boone, IA)
Stieger, Kari	32	OF	R/R	FR	Cedar Rapids, IA (Jefferson)

*Letters Earned

+First Team Gateway 1987

#First Team Gateway 1985

Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

Assistant Coach: Gene Bruhn



1988 UNI Softball, Front row, l-r: Melissa Schafer, Krista Fosbinder, Jenny Schultz, Holly Harrison. **Second row:** Mary DeCoster, Lynell O'Connor, Carrie Perry, Chris Ehlert. **Third row:** Paula Evers, Kim Brunner, Connie McBride. **Fourth row:** Kari Stieger, Sarah O'Byrne, Susan Mahoney, Dixie Froning, Diane Schrage.



Panther pitchers in action:
Krista Fosbinder, Sarah O'Byrne,
Diane Schrage

1988 Captains



Paula Evers, Sr.
Shortstop, Dyersville, IA
(Beckman)

Three-year letterwinner and two-time team captain Paula Evers returns for her fourth and final year in a UNI softball uniform. Evers undoubtedly will go down in the records as one of the most outstanding defensive players ever produced at UNI. After spending her freshman year as an All-Gateway performer at first base, Evers made a difficult transition to shortstop and steadily has improved ever since. She holds school records in most putouts in a season and most assists in a season. Offensively, Evers holds school records for most hits and runs in a season.



Chris Ehlert, Jr.
Third Base, Nevada, IA
(Nevada)

Junior third baseman Chris Ehlert compiled All-American statistics this fall as she led the Panthers to a 9-9 record. As a result, she is expected to do big things for UNI this spring. Ehlert led UNI in batting average, runs scored, hits, triples and runs batted in this fall. Last spring, she led the team in the same categories and was named to the Gateway Conference softball team. Ehlert's defense actually is the strongest part of her game. As a freshman leftfielder, she recorded a .970 fielding percentage and then last year, playing third base, she committed only five errors in 187 chances for a .974 average.

1987 Northern Iowa Softball Statistics (29-23)

Home: 19-7

Away: 10-16

Gateway: 7-11

Player		G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	SAC	SO	BB	HP	OB%	SB-A	PO	A	E
Beauchamp	LF	49	148	18	32	4	0	0	11	.216	10	7	8	0	.301	1-1	47	4	4
DeCoster*	CF	51	137	13	30	3	2	0	10	.219	6	17	5	1	.321	3-3	73	6	10
Ehlert*	3B	52	160	23	48	5	6	2	25	.300	4	9	9	1	.385	3-3	50	132	5
Evers*	SS	52	173	21	34	3	5	0	9	.196	9	5	4	0	.281	2-2	93	134	18
Fosbinder*	P	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0-0	10	45	2
Feaker	2B	48	117	7	30	4	0	0	14	.256	17	7	2	0	.308	1-1	122	74	11
Harrison*	C	35	74	4	10	0	0	0	2	.135	4	5	6	1	.250	0-0	86	19	2
Holthaus	RF	37	87	10	24	1	0	0	10	.276	7	7	6	0	.414	0-0	4	1	0
McBride*	C	46	127	9	31	6	0	0	12	.244	7	10	12	0	.346	1-1	125	26	5
Mahoney*	1B	51	157	15	43	12	2	1	18	.274	7	28	7	3	.310	0-0	402	17	15
O'Byrne*	P	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0-0	7	14	3
O'Connor*	3B	4	6	1	2	0	0	0	2	.333	0	1	0	0	.500	0-0	0	0	0
Reiter	1B	7	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	3	1	0	.307	0-0	8	0	0
Sackett	P	32	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0-0	5	25	3
Schultz*	RF	52	139	12	34	0	2	1	8	.244	10	10	10	0	.358	4-7	50	7	5
Sovereign	2B	5	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	.166	1	3	0	0	.285	0-0	13	5	3
TOTALS		52	1343	139	319	38	17	4	121	.238	82	112	70	6	.322	15-18	1094	509	86
OPPONENTS		52	1337	117	262	25	7	5	102	.195	64	177	112	8	.334	8-23	1077	435	81

PITCHING	G-S	SV	SHO	IP	BF	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	WP	HP	ER	ERA
Fosbinder*	32-22	2	7	174	707	49	120	9	3	4	80	44	5	4	24	0.96
O'Byrne*	14-13	0	2	90	371	35	75	6	2	0	38	24	12	3	18	1.40
Sackett	19-17	1	5	101	414	33	67	10	2	1	59	44	11	1	23	1.59
TOTALS	52	3	14	365	1492	117	262	25	7	5	177	112	28	8	65	1.24
OPPONENTS	52	0	13	359	1504	139	319	38	17	4	112	70	13	6	91	1.77

CATCHING	TO/ATT	PB	P-OFFs
Harrison*	5-8	7	0
McBride*	10-15	10	2

PITCHING RECORDS
Fosbinder — 14-11
O'Byrne — 5-6
Sackett — 10-6

*Returning athlete

The Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference

The Gateway Conference rapidly is earning a reputation as one whose members expect high academic and athletic performance. Since it was formed in July, 1982, the Gateway Conference has cited 520 female athletes for academic excellence (3.5 GPA or above).

High athletic performance also is exhibited by the 10 member schools which include Bradley, Drake, Eastern Illinois, Illinois State, Indiana State, Northern Iowa, Southern Illinois, Southwest Missouri State, Western Illinois and Wichita State. At the Gateway Softball Tournament last spring in Normal, IL, Western defeated Southwest Missouri State 11-3 in the championship game. The Westerwinds went undefeated in five games as they outscored their opponents 30-8. Western catcher Lisa DaRocha was named the conference's most valuable player.

Northern Iowa lost to Illinois State 5-0 in the quarterfinals. Earlier, the Panthers beat both Wichita State and Indiana State 1-0 and lost to Eastern Illinois 2-1. UNI third baseman **Chris Ehlert** was named first team All-Gateway after the tournament. Ehlert batted .300 while driving in 25 runs for the year.

1987 Gateway Conference Standings

1. Western Illinois
2. Southwest Missouri State
3. Illinois State
4. Southern Illinois
5. **NORTHERN IOWA**
Eastern Illinois
7. Bradley
Wichita State
9. Drake
Indiana State



1987 All-Gateway Conference Softball Team

Pitcher-Lori Vogel, Illinois State (0.65 ERA, 24-14)

Pitcher-Zam Mogill, Eastern Illinois (0.86 ERA, 19-13)

Catcher-Lisa DaRocha, Western Illinois (.374, 32 RBIs)

Catcher-Lori McGinnis, Illinois State (.253)

First Base-Joni Smith, Southwest Missouri (.289)

Second Base-Sara Karcher, Eastern Illinois (.324)

Krista Grochowski, Western Illinois (.290)

Shortstop-Marcia Bisges, Southwest Missouri (.353)

**Third Base-CHRIS EHLERT, NORTHERN IOWA
(.300, 25 RBIs)**

Outfield-Therese McGraw, Illinois State (.272)

Renee Strasser, Indiana State (.324)

Angel Lendvay, Eastern Illinois (.268)

Machelle Dye, Southwest Missouri (.257)

Shelly Gibbs, Southern Illinois (.293)

Kara McGaw, Western Illinois (.284)

Designated Player-Leanne Bonifas, Bradley (.296)

Utility Player-Kerri Donis, Illinois State (.372)

Patty Bautista, Wichita State (11-17,
1.54 ERA)

Most Valuable Player-Lisa DaRocha, Western Illinois (.374,
32 RBIs)

Coach of the Year-Melinda Fischer, Illinois State (3rd place,
41-20)



It's Tournament Time

The Panthers will participate in two tournaments this spring. March 10-12, UNI plays in the Sooner Invitational in Norman, OK. April 8-10, UNI hosts the UNI-Dome Classic. The following teams are possible opponents for the Panthers.

Sooner Invitational

Baylor
Creighton
Illinois State
Indiana
Indiana State
Iowa
Iowa State
Kansas
Northeast Louisiana
Oklahoma
Oklahoma State
Sam Houston State
Southwest Texas
University of Missouri
University of New Mexico
University of Texas-
Arlington
Wichita State

UNI-Dome Classic

Augustana
College of St. Francis
Drake
Kearney State
Mankato State
Missouri Western
Northern Illinois
St. Cloud State
St. Xavier
University of Illinois-Chicago
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska-
Omaha
University of Wisconsin-
Green Bay

Home in the Dome. The UNI-Dome Classic returns for its fifth year with a field of 14 competitive softball teams. Past winners include Creightón, South Dakota and Mankato State. Last year, Mankato State defeated Drake 3-0 in the championship game. UNI finished 5-0 in pool play and then was upset by North Dakota, 9-7, in eight innings in the first round of the single elimination tournament. Northern Illinois is considered to be the pre-tournament favorite. The Huskies finished 24-25 last season. However, first team All-American outfielder Jill Justin returns, as does All-District performers Sue Kause (first base) and shortstop Amy Veld. Justin was amazing last year as she hit .503 for the season. The Huskies also return their entire pitching staff. Mankato State, UNI and Kearney State loom as the main obstacles for Northern Illinois. Mankato State participated in the NCAA Division II Softball World Series last spring, while Kearney State was the national champion of NAIA softball.

Panther Records

Records (Since 1975)

Games

Most Games season: 54 (1985)
Most Games Won, Season: 35 (1982)
Most Games Lost, Season: 30 (1985)
Highest Winning Pct., Season: .941 (32-2, 1977)
Lowest Winning Pct., season: .404 (20-29, 1986)
Most Consecutive Games Won: 18 (1977)
Most Consecutive Games Lost: 9 (1985)

Batting (team)

Highest batting avg., season: .281 (1978)
Most at-bats, season: 1442 (1985)
Most runs, season: 238 (1982)
Most runs per game: 6.3 (1975)
Most runs, game: 18 vs. Clarke College (1980); vs. Mt. Mercy (1985)
Most hits, season: 364 (1985)
Most hits per game: 8.0 (1977)
Most doubles, season: 43 (1982)
Most triples, season: 25 (1982, 1985)
Most homeruns, season: 21 (1982)
Most runs batted in, season: 201 (1982)
Most stolen bases, season: 74 (1982)
Most walks, season: 128 (1982)
Most strikeouts, season: 158 (1985)

Batting (Individual)

Most runs, season: 42, Paula Evers (1985)
Most hits, season: 54, Paula Evers (1985)
Most strikeouts, season: 28, Susan Mahoney (1987)
Most doubles, season: 16, Pam Phipps (1985)
Most triples, season: 9, Teresa Kennedy (1980)
Most homeruns, season: 6, Marshelle Clark (1982)
Most runs batted in, season: 36, Jane Wagner (1982)
Most stolen bases, season: 17, Betty Davis (1981)
Most times hit by pitch, season: 3, Jocelyn Drabelle (1978); Susan Mahoney (1987)
Most walks, season: 22, Marshelle Clark (1982)
Highest batting average, season: .425, Sue Coakley (1978)
Most at-bats, season: 181, Linda Stone (1982)

Fielding (team) Since 1981

Most putouts, season: 411, Paula Evers (1985)
Most assists, season: 134, Paula Evers (1987)
Most errors, season: 32, Paula Evers (1986)

Pitching (Individual) Since 1978

Most victories, career: 41, Jennifer Berger (1982-84)
Most victories, season: 17, Jennifer Berger (1982)
Most losses, career: 24, Jennifer Berger (1982-84)
Most losses, season: 13, Linda Whannel (1985)
Most homeruns allowed, career: 6, Linda Whannel (1985-86)
Most homeruns allowed, season: 4, Linda Edwards (1978); Linda Whannel (1985); Krista Fosbinder (1987)
Most games, career: 68, Jennifer Berger (1982-84)
Most games, season: 32 Krista Fosbinder (1987)
Most innings pitched, career: 446, Jennifer Berger (1982-84)
Most innings pitched, season: 174, Krista Fosbinder (1987).
Most hits allowed, career: 301, Jennifer Berger (1982-84)
Most hits allowed, season: 144, Linda Whannel (1985)
Most runs allowed, career: 121, Kathy Gross (1979-82)
Most runs allowed, season: 53, Linda Whannel (1985)
Most earned runs, career: 65, Jennifer Berger (1982-84)
Most earned runs, season: 33, Lori Cook (1984)
Most walks allowed, career: 135, Kathy Gross (1979-82)
Most walks allowed, season: 44, Nancy Sackett (1987); Krista Fosbinder (1987)
Most strikeouts, career: 413, Jennifer Berger (1982-84)
Most strikeouts, season: 216, Jennifer Berger (1982)

Pitching (team)

Lowest team earned run average: 1.24, Nancy Sackett, Krista Fosbinder, Sarah O'Byrne (1987)

Year by Year Results

Season results prior to 1974 are unavailable.

1974 (15-3)

Luther 14-2, 2-0
Graceland 2-3
Grand View 18-4, 9-1
Iowa State 6-5, 7-3
Luther 6-3, 7-6
Iowa 13-0, 34-1
Wartburg 4-3, 5-4
IAIAW Championships (3rd)
Graceland 9-2
Buena Vista 11-1
Luther 1-2
Iowa State 1-4
Head Coach: Jane Mertesdorf

1975 (20-4)

Luther 3-0, 5-6
Iowa 10-0, 6-4
Iowa State 7-1, 10-2
Graceland 8-3
Kansas State 3-4 (8 inn.)
Wartburg 15-1, 9-0
IAIAW District Championships (1st)
Wartburg 5-1
Luther 4-0, 4-0
IAIAW State Championships (1st)
Graceland 12-3
Iowa Wesleyan 10-0
Iowa State 2-1, 3-2
Women's College World Series (2nd)
Oklahoma 5-0
Michigan State 4-3
Kansas 4-1
Nebraska-Omaha 0-1
Michigan State 7-3
Nebraska-Omaha 11-1, 4-6
Head Coach: Jane Mertesdorf

1976 (23-3)

Iowa 11-0
Luther 3-0
Wartburg 3-2, 8-1
Iowa State 7-4, 1-0
Luther 1-0
Graceland 8-0, 15-0
Wartburg 5-0, 1-0
Luther 1-0, 3-4
Mankato State 10-0
Minnesota 10-0
Moorhead State 11-0
IAIAW Championships (1st)
William Penn 10-0
Drake 11-0
Wartburg 2-0
Iowa State 9-1
Luther 7-2
Women's College World Series (top 6)
Northern State College (SD) 3-1
Arizona State 0-2
Indiana State 10-2
Texas 6-0
Northern Colorado 0-1
Head Coach: Jane Mertesdorf

1977 (32-2)

Wartburg 4-3, 9-1
Nebraska-Omaha 9-3, 7-2
Iowa 6-5, 7-0
Grand View 12-0, 12-2
Mt. Mercy 6-1, 7-1
IAIAW District Championships (1st)
Upper Iowa 13-0
Luther 3-2
Iowa State 2-0, 1-0
Wartburg 9-0, 10-3
Waldorf 12-0, 9-0
Luther 0-1, 13-0
IAIAW State Championships (1st)
Mt. Mercy 9-0
William Penn 2-0
Iowa State 2-1, 4-2

IAIAW Region 6 Championships (1st)
North Dakota State 4-0
Tarkio 1-0
Southwest Missouri State 3-2, 6-1
Women's College World Series (1st)
Southern Illinois 3-0
Kansas 4-0
Michigan State 7-3
Arizona 1-0 (8 inn.), 0-1 (9 inn.), 7-0
Head Coach: Jane Mertesdorf

1978 (21-11)

Wartburg 2-1, 5-3
Luther 4-3, 0-1
Grand View 4-3, 5-1
Iowa 1-5
Luther 1-4
William Penn 5-3, 5-4
Drake 13-3, 10-3
Iowa State 2-4, 9-7
Loras 2-4, 0-5
Loras (Default 2)
Minnesota 9-2, -03
IAIAW District Championships (1st)
Upper Iowa 13-4
Luther 7-5
IAIAW State Championships (5th)
Central 4-2
Mt. Mercy 4-2
Grand View 1-2
Iowa State 1-2
IAIAW Region 6 Championships (4th)
Minnesota 0-4
South Dakota 11-2
Luther 8-3
Kansas 0-5
Head Coach: Jane Mertesdorf

1979 (22-10)

Wartburg 4-7, 6-5
Wichita State 10-2
Nebraska 2-5
Wayne State 5-4
Emporia State 1-6
Drake 1-0 (9 inn.), 5-1
St. Cloud State 6-3, 6-5
Minnesota 5-7
Minnesota JV 2-3
Iowa State 0-1, 4-3 (10 inn.)
Luther 15-5 (5 inn.), 5-4
Mt. Mercy 2-3, 10-6
Loras 1-0, 8-2
IAIAW District Championships (1st)
Luther 7-2
Upper Iowa 5-2
Wartburg 8-2, 3-1
Grand View 1-3, 2-1
IAIAW State Championships (2nd)
Iowa Wesleyan 8-0
Iowa State 5-0
William Penn 3-1
Drake 0-1 (12 inn.)
William Penn 6-5 (8 inn.)
Drake 1-2
Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

1980 (31-15)

Hawaii-Hilo Invitational (2nd)
Texas Women's 0-1
Utah State 0-2
Northern Colorado 0-1
Golden West State 1-0, 4-5
Northern Colorado 1-5
Hilo Comets 1-0, 0-1, 10-0
Northern Colorado 5-3
Texas Women's 2-3
Utah State 1-0
Minnesota Invitational (3rd)
Iowa State 0-3
Northwestern 7-2
Iowa 6-0

Minnesota 2-6
 Northwestern 6-0
 Wartburg 10-0, 4-0
 Iowa 7-1, 1-0
 Nebraska-Omaha 8-1
 Nebraska 1-5
 Northwest Missouri State 8-5
 South Dakota 5-2
 Wayne State 2-3
 Luther 5-0, 2-0
 Loras 2-0, 11-0
 Central 7-0, 7-0
 Mt. Mercy 5-3, 8-6
 Upper Iowa (Forfeits 2)
 Drake 6-3, 2-4
 Clarke College 18-0 (5 inn.), 9-0
IAIAW State Championships (3rd)
 Westmar 3-1
 Northwestern College 1-0 (9 inn.)
 William Penn 0-3
 Drake 1-5
 Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

1981 (29-15)

Texas-Arlington 0-1 (9 inn.), 2-1
 Texas Women's 1-4, 2-3
 Iowa State 1-2
 South Carolina 4-5
 Western Michigan 2-3
 North Texas State 9-0
 Oklahoma City 6-1
 Texas Women's 1-3
 Wartburg 12-2 (5 inn.)
 Grand View 0-1 (8 inn.)
 William Penn 3-2, 4-1
 Mt. Mercy 4-1, 12-0 (6 inn.)
 St. Ambrose 3-2 (inn. 8), 3-1
 Iowa 5-4, 4-1
 Iowa State 3-0, 1-2
 Colorado State 3-0
 Wyoming 5-2
 Nebraska-Omaha 4-3
 William Penn 6-2, 7-2
 Luther 7-1, 13-0 (5 inn.)
 Ellsworth (Exhib.) 4-0, 1-0
 Loras 1-4, 12-0 (5 inn.)

IAIAW Sectionals (3rd)

Grand View 4-0
 Drake 2-1
 Northwestern College 1-5
 Drake 1-5

IAIAW State Championships (3rd)

St. Ambrose 0-2
 Loras 9-1
 St. Ambrose 3-0
 Grand View 0-5

IAIAW Region 6 Championships (4th)

Moorhead State 7-0
 South Dakota 2-1
 Northeast Missouri State 0-1
 St. Cloud State 6-0 (8 inn.)
 Grand View 0-1
 Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

1982 (35-15-1)

Oklahoma Baptist 3-6, 13-5 (5 inn.)
 Southern Illinois 3-4 (8 inn.)
 Oklahoma 0-6
 Oklahoma City 7-3
 Texas-Arlington 1-6
 Oklahoma City 11-2 (5 inn.), 1-6
 Southwest Missouri State 2-7
 Southern Illinois 1-0 (10 inn.)
 Minnesota 1-9
 William Penn 3-1, 3-2 (9 inn.)
 St. Ambrose 3-0, 4-2
 Grand View 0-4, 12-3
 Iowa 5-0, 0-3
 Iowa State 0-1 (8 inn.), 5-5 (5 inn.)
Missouri Western Invitational (2nd)
 Wayne State 4-0
 Missouri Western 2-0

Nebraska-Omaha 2-0
 Northeast Missouri State 3-0
 Missouri Western 0-3, 0-2
 William Penn 0-2, 7-2
 Wartburg 10-2, 10-0 (5 inn.)
 Luther 2-1, 9-3

IAIAW West Sectionals (1st)

Grand View 13-1
 Northwestern (IA) 14-2 (6 inn.)
 Northwestern (IA) 10-0 (5 inn.)
 Grand View 5-1
 Grand View 6-0
 Loras 8-4, 14-2 (6 inn.)

IAIAW State Tournament (3rd)

St. Ambrose 4-1 (8 inn.)
 William Penn 0-2
 St. Ambrose 1-2 (10 inn.)

IAIAW Region 6 Championships (1st)

Minnesota-Duluth 2-0
 Northwest Missouri State 4-0
 Augustana (SD) 3-0
 St. Ambrose 13-1

IAIAW II Women's College World Series (1st)

Eastern Illinois 1-0
 Northern Arizona 6-2
 Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 1-0
 Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 5-0
 Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

1983 (31-15)

Central State (OK) Invitational (2nd)

West Texas State 4-1
 Wichita State 5-1
 South Dakota State 8-1
 Central State 6-1
 Northwest Louisiana 2-1
 Texas Wesleyan 1-2
 Oklahoma Baptist 2-0, 3-9
 Oklahoma State 0-8, 1-8
 Missouri 3-9
 Wyoming 9-4
 Oklahoma City 9-1, 8-0
 Wartburg 10-1, 4-3
 Iowa 1-2 (10 inn.)
 St. Ambrose 3-1, 7-6
 Minnesota 3-2, 3-5
 William Penn 7-1, 6-0
 Iowa State 2-3, 2-0

Missouri Western Invitational

Washburn 4-0
 Kearney State 2-3 (8 inn.)
 Oklahoma Baptist 1-0 (9 inn.)
 Nebraska-Omaha 2-5
 Iowa 2-0, 3-1
 Drake 1-0, 2-1

Illinois State Invitational (1st)

Southern Illinois 3-0
 Western Illinois 2-1
 Kent State 6-2
 Indiana State 7-1
 Central Michigan 3-1
 Grandview 2-3, 5-1
 Loras 1-0, 9-8
 Minnesota 0-5, 0-4

Gateway Conference

Indiana State 2-3 (10 inn.)
 Wichita State 0-1 (9 inn.)
 Head Coach: Meredith Bakley

1984 (23-22-1)

Central State (OK) Invitational

Texas Wesleyan 3-2
 Central State 2-5
 Friends 1-0
 Pittsburg State 5-2
 Oklahoma Baptist 0-3
 Arizona 0-1 (11 inn.)
 Indiana 0-2
 Oklahoma City 0-0 (26 inn.)
Pittsburg State Invitational
 Nebraska-Omaha 3-2

Missouri Southern 9-2
 Texas Wesleyan 0-1
 Wartburg 11-0, 3-4
 *Illinois State 1-2 (13 inn.), 0-9
 *Indiana State 1-0, 2-1
 Iowa 8-7, 2-7
 Mankato State 1-0, 4-0
 *Western Illinois 0-2 (9 inn.), 2-4
 *Bradley 2-9, 0-1
 St. Ambrose 4-0, 2-0
Miller Medical-UNI Tournament (4th)
 South Dakota 1-2
 NEMO State 3-1
 Missouri Western 1-3
 Kearney State 4-3 (9 inn.)
 St. Xavier 2-0
 Iowa State 4-5, 5-0
 *Eastern Illinois 4-2, 3-1
 *Southern Illinois 2-1, 0-4
 Iowa 1-7, 1-3
 *SWMO State 1-0, 1-0
 *Wichita State 0-1 (8 inn.), 5-2
***Gateway Conference Tournament**
 Bradley 0-7
 Eastern Illinois 0-5
 Head Coach: Meredith Bakley
 (*Gateway Conference Games)

1985 (24-30)

Sooner Invitational
 Kansas 1-2
 Arizona State 1-6
 Central Michigan 1-2
 Indiana 2-7, 1-2
 Central Michigan 1-3
 Missouri 0-3
 Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 0-1
 Oklahoma 3-4
 Oklahoma Baptist 3-1, 4-0
 Wartburg, 7-1, 5-0
 Mt. Mercy 0-1, 18-1 (5 inn.)
 Iowa 5-6, 4-1
 Mankato State 7-0, 2-1
 *Eastern Illinois 2-0, 2-1
 *Southern Illinois 5-2, 0-7
 *Drake 2-3 (9 inn.), 4-6
 Creighton 0-6
Miller Medical-UNI Tournament (3rd)
 Michigan State 4-3
 Creighton 0-2
 Colorado State 2-0
 Central Michigan 2-0
 Drake 3-0
 Nebraska-Omaha 6-3
 Central Michigan 0-1 (8 inn.)

St. Ambrose 6-1, 4-3
 Iowa State 0-5, 3-7
 *Illinois State 1-0, 7-8
 *Indiana State 4-10, 2-3 (8 inn.)
 Grand View 4-12
 *Southwest Missouri State 4-3, 2-9
 *Wichita State 1-0, 2-0
 Iowa 0-4, 2-1 (9 inn.)
 *Western Illinois 1-4, 2-1
 *Bradley 1-4, 1-3

Gateway Conference Tournament
 Indiana State 2-3 (11 inn.)
 Southern Illinois 2-3 (11 inn.)
 Head Coach: Meredith Bakley
 (*Gateway Conference Games)

1986 (20-29)

Sooner Invitational
 Oklahoma State 1-5
 Baylor 0-1 (9 inn.)
 Creighton 0-1
 Oklahoma City 1-3
 Missouri 1-2
 Oklahoma City 2-3 (8 inn.)
 Missouri 3-2
 Oklahoma City 1-2 (9 inn.)

*Illinois State 0-1, 2-1
Redbird Invitational
 *Indiana State 0-1
 College of St. Francis 10-0 (6 inn.)
 Western Michigan 0-7
 Drake 4-3 (11 inn.)
 Illinois State 0-4
 Mankato State 1-0, 2-1 (10 inn.)
 *Wichita State 2-3
 *Southwest Missouri State 2-1
Miller Medical-UNI Tournament
 *Wichita State 0-1
 *Southwest Missouri 0-2
 Creighton 0-1
 Bowling Green (OH) 0-5
 Illinois-Chicago 1-0
 Nebraska-Omaha 2-3 (11 inn.)
 St. Ambrose 5-0, 1-2
 Mt. Mercy 2-1, 4-1
 Iowa 4-2, 1-3
 *Southern Illinois 0-1, 3-6
 *Eastern Illinois 3-1 (14 inn.), 1-6
 Iowa State 3-4, 0-7
 *Drake 0-2, 4-0
 Wartburg 9-3, 4-1
 *Bradley 1-0, 1-4
 *Western Illinois 5-3, 1-3
Gateway Conference Tournament
 Drake 1-0
 Illinois State 2-1
 Indiana State 0-1
 Southwest Missouri 1-2 (8 inn.)
 Head Coach: Meredith Bakley
 (*Gateway Conference Games)

1987 (29-23)

Sooner Invitational
 Wichita State 2-1
 New Mexico 0-4
 Missouri 1-3
 Iowa 7-2
 Oklahoma 1-8 (8 inn.)
 Oklahoma City 1-0 (9 inn.)
 Creighton 0-1 (8 inn.)

North Texas State 8-4, 6-4

Redbird Invitational

#Illinois Central 3-0
 Ball State 3-2
 Southern Illinois 0-3
 Bradley 0-3
 Mankato State 3-1, 2-0
 *Southern Illinois 2-5 (10 inn.), 6-1
 *Eastern Illinois 0-5, 1-2
 *Wichita State 0-1, 0-4
 *Southwest Missouri State 0-4, 1-2

UNI-Dome Invitational

St. Cloud State 1-0
 Nebraska-Omaha 2-0
 North Dakota State 3-2 (9 inn.)
 Kearney State 5-0
 Illinois-Chicago 2-0
 North Dakota 7-9 (8 inn.)

St. Ambrose 1-0, 3-4
 Luther 2-1, 6-3
 *Indiana State 3-0, 2-1
 *Illinois State 0-3, 0-3
 Wartburg 1-0 (8 inn.), 8-0 (6 inn.)
 *Bradley 3-1, 1-3 (11 inn.)
 *Western Illinois 1-9 (5 inn.), 12-4 (5 inn.)
 *Drake 8-0 (5 inn.), 16-1 (5 inn.)
 Grand View 2-1, 3-0
 Iowa 0-3, 0-1 (8 inn.)

Gateway Conference Tournament

Indiana State 1-0
 Eastern Illinois 1-2
 Wichita State 1-0
 Illinois State 0-5
 Head Coach: Meredith Bakley
 (#Exhibition)
 (*Gateway Conference Games)

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Northern Iowa is an excellent choice for students who want the atmosphere of a smaller college but the faculty and resources of a larger university. Northern Iowa is student-oriented and makes you feel welcome and challenged while you earn your education with a minimum of hassle.

Located in Cedar Falls, UNI was founded in 1876 as the Iowa State Normal School. From a single building on a 40-acre campus, the University has grown to include more than 40 major buildings and 11,500 students.

UNI emphasizes outstanding undergraduate education with complementary graduate programs at the master's, specialist's and doctoral levels. Building on its historic strength in teacher education, Northern Iowa has developed other fine programs in its School of Business, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, College of Natural Sciences and College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Northern Iowa publishes the prestigious North American Review, a quarterly journal of literature that has received two National Magazine Awards. The University also operates KUNI-FM and KHKE-FM, serving eastern Iowa with quality music and public affairs programming. The Management Development Center and Small Business Development Center are two outreach programs of the School of Business, whose Department of Accounting is ranked among the best in the country.

Landmarks on the 840-acre campus include the Campanile, the Education Center, Strayer-Wood Theatre, Maucker University Union and the UNI-Dome. Special academic resources include the 600,000-volume University Library, the Industrial Technology Center and the Communication Arts Center.

Facilities

The UNI softball team found its home on the UNI campus in the 1978 season with the construction of its own diamond after previously playing all home games at a softball complex in Waterloo. Ground-level dugouts were added five years ago to afford protection for the athletes from the possibility of inclement weather.

However, if the weather dictates that games can no longer be played outdoors, the UNI softball team has the advantage of being able to play indoors in the UNI-Dome, a multi-purpose, air-supported coliseum. Thus, the Panthers are rarely rained out when they play at home.

UNI is assured of playing in the Dome at least three dates this season as the UNI-Dome Classic returns for its fifth year. The three-day tournament is played entirely in the Dome on two diamonds set up opposite each other. Fourteen teams are scheduled for action April 8-10.

1988 Northern Iowa Softball

Mar. 10-12 at Sooner Invitational at Norman, OK

Mar. 10 Missouri 9:30 a.m.

Texas-Arlington 11:00 a.m.

Baylor 4:00 p.m.

Mar. 11 Creighton 12:30 p.m.

Oklahoma 4:00 p.m.

Mar. 12 Single Elimination
Tournament

Mar. 21 at North Texas State (DH) 6:00 p.m.

Mar. 22 at Texas (DH) 4:00 p.m.

Mar. 23 at Baylor (DH) 4:30 p.m.

Mar. 24 at Sam Houston State (DH) 3:00 p.m.

Mar. 25 at Stephen F. Austin State (DH)
2:00 p.m.

Mar. 30 Wartburg College (DH) 3:00 p.m.

Apr. 1-2 Creighton, Minnesota, Colorado
State at Omaha, NE

Apr. 5 Mankato State (DH) 3:30 p.m.

Apr. 6 Iowa State (DH) 3:00 p.m.

Apr. 8-10 UNI-Dome Classic

Apr. 15 Western Illinois* (DH) 1:00 p.m.

Apr. 16 Bradley University* (DH) 2:00 p.m.

Apr. 18 at Drake University* (DH) 3:00 p.m.

Apr. 22 at Eastern Illinois* (DH) 2:00 p.m.

Apr. 23 at Southern Illinois* (DH) 12 noon

Apr. 26 St. Ambrose (DH) 3:00 p.m.

Apr. 29 at Illinois State* (DH) 2:00 p.m.

Apr. 30 at Indiana State* (DH) 2:00 p.m.

May 3 Iowa (DH) 3:00 p.m.

May 6 Southwest Missouri State* (DH)
1:00 p.m.

May 7 Wichita State* (DH) 2:00 p.m.

May 12-14 at Gateway Conference Tournament
at Springfield, MO

*Gateway Conference Games